

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Paschall. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Charles Gee, Dennis Hoffman. Bruce Roundy, Vice Mayor Wade Elliott and Mayor James Paschall, Sr.

Councilmembers absent: None

Staff present: Angie Crook, Paul H. Poczobut Jr.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen Business:

Mike Yalow, 163 E. Swift Street, request Council to draft a letter of support for the "Rusty Wagon"; a non-profit Vocational Day Program and retail store featuring "Made in Glenn" and regional products. Council agreed staff may draft a letter.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Request for public input for an application from the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), Planning & Technical Assistance (PTA) Grant.

City Manager Poczobut advised the City anticipates submitting an application under one or more of the State CDBG Notice of Funding Availability applications. Eligible activities under the CDBG program include housing-new construction projects; housing acquisition and housing rehabilitation programs; community facility and public works projects; public service programs and planning studies. Staff recommends a grant be submitted for an economic development strategic plan that will assist in retaining and attracting businesses and create/retain jobs.

Mayor Paschall opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m. Mike Yalow asked staff what is the amount of the grant. City Manager Poczobut advised the grant was for \$35,000 with a match from the City for \$4,500. Byron Denton, 127 Tanner Way, inquired as to what type of grant is being proposed to assist businesses. Trish Saint-Evens, 6825 County Road 15, requested clarification on whether the grant was being used towards a hotel/grocery store feasibility study. City Manager Poczobut advised this grant would not fund such a study, although there's a possibility it could be considered for a future application. Stephen Shoop, 6248 County Road 10 1/2 questioned who would conduct the study. City Manager advised it would go through a bid process. With no further comments, the Public Hearing closed at 7:13 p.m.

Councilmember Gee advised there are a number of things the grant could be used for, such as housing rehabilitation programs. City Manager Poczobut advised the grant would look at an overall needs assessment of the City of Orland. City Manager Poczobut stated another Public Hearing will be held on May 16, 2011 to decide the purpose of the grant.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager:

City Manager Poczobut brought forward the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) priority list. After much discussion Council recommended the following Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy projects in the following groups:

Priority Group A

1. Public Safety Facility.
2. Develop Economic Strategic Plan.
3. Develop Stony Creek Trail project and grant.
4. Extension of Papst Ave. to the north, including undergrounding of Lateral 4.
5. Eradication of Arrundo in the Stony Creek area.

Priority Group B

1. Partner with Emerging Technology Fund and other entities to expand fiber optics and broadband and wireless access within the City.
2. Make necessary improvement to community swimming pool.
3. Develop Stony Creek Trail, pedestrian and bike paths.

Priority Group C

1. Library building expansion.
2. Community Center
3. Fine Arts Center.

Vice Mayor Elliott moved, seconded by Councilmember Roundy to approve the abovementioned Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy priority list. Motion carried with no abstentions.

Mayor Paschall stated the swimming pool is an important aspect for the City. Council discussed renovations to the pool that would enhance the swim program and offer more events for the community.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

_____ Clerk

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